

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action that was mailed June 13, 2006 (hereinafter "Office Action").

Amendments To The Claims

Claim 1 has been amended to correct an inadvertent omission. Claim 1 has been further amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 4. No new matter is introduced by these amendments.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 1-3, and 5-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Mandelik et al., U.S. Patent No. 3,771,261. Independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 4. Claim 1, and the claims which depend from claim 1, are believed to be in condition for allowance as a result of this amendment. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Mandelik et al., U.S. Patent No. 3,771,261, in view of Buswell et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,360,679. Claim 4 has been cancelled. The limitations of claim 4 have been incorporated into amended claim 1. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Mandelik et al., U.S. Patent No. 3,771,261, in view of Sechrist et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,965,473. Claim 10 is believed to be in condition for allowance by virtue of its dependency from amended claim 1. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

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All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection are believed to have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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